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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-B431
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Dear Federal Communications Commission,

In reference to the case identifier, CGB-CC-0033, this letter serves as our official petition to be exempt from closed captioning on the "Word of Faith" television broadcast. Since we are a ministry that depends solely on donations from our local congregation and receives no support from the general public, we believe that providing closed captions on this video programming would be economically burdensome and would result in a "significant difficulty or expense" to the ministry.

The "Word of Faith" broadcast does not solicit donations from the public nor sell products on the air to underwrite the programming. In researching the cost for providing closed captioning, we have found that an additional expense such as closed captioning would shut down the programming altogether.

Since we have a staff comprised of just one person producing the programming, we lack the kind of staff necessary to accommodate compliance in providing a program with closed captions. Also, our video programming distributor has indicated to us that they do not provide closed captioning assistance and gave us no recommendations. Furthermore, having to get a third party vendor involved would incur additional expenses to the ministry and produce an economic burden.

In conclusion, we ask the commission to grant us an exemption for closed captioning for the Word of Faith television broadcast for the reasons specified in this petition.

Sincerely,

Reverend Charles R. Brooks, Jr.

Executive Pastor

Cc:

Dr. Decker H. Tapscott, Sr., Founder & Senior Pastor